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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF PRESS RELEASE MADE BY SUPREME
COMMAND AT 1300Z JUNE 18. BEGIN TEXT.

2. A STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE SUPREME COMMAND ON JUNE 2, 1975
STATING THAT B-52 STRATOFORTRESSES AND F-111 FIGHTER-BOMBERS
WOULD BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM THAILAND AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT
WOULD BE ISSUED OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF OTHER U.S. MILITARY UNITS
TO THE TOTAL OF 7,500 MEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED
BETWEEN THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN GOVERN-
MENT HAVE NOW AGREED TO FURTHER WITHDRAWALS TO COMPLETE THE RE-
DUCTION OF 7,500 PERSONNEL BY JUNE 30, 1975 AS FOLLOWS:

--42 F-4 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FROM UDORN

--20 OV-10 AIRCRAFT AND TWO CH-3 HELICOPTERS FROM NAKHON
PHANOM AIR BASE

--9 AC-130 TRANSPORT PLANES FROM KORAT AIR BASE

--12 KC-135 TANKERS AND TWO DC-130S FROM UTAPAO AIR BASE

TOTALING 87 VARIOUS TYPES OF AIRCRAFT.

IN ADDITION, THE U.S. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES GROUP/7TH AIR FORCE
WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM NAKHON PHANOM AND THE TRAINING AND LOGIS-
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TICS DETACHMENT OF THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, THAILAND

WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM UDORN AIR BASE.

IN THIS WITHDRAWAL, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 4,000 U.S. MILITARY
PERSONNEL WILL LEAVE THAILAND.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN GOVERN-
MENT WILL HOLD FURTHER MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS ABOUT FURTHER
WITHDRAWALS OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES FROM THAILAND. END TEXT.
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